

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
W. DIST. OF N.C.

UNITES STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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(3) RICHARD VARELA,)
Defendant.)

CONSENT ORDER AND
JUDGMENT OF FORFEITURE

BASED UPON the Defendant's plea of guilty, and finding that there is a substantial nexus between the property listed below and the offense(s) to which the Defendant has pled guilty and that the Defendant has or had a legal interest in the property, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The following property is forfeited to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982, 18 U.S.C. § 1028(b)(5), 21 U.S.C. § 853, and/or 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c):

Approximately \$4900 in United States Currency seized, on November 21, 2008, during execution of a search warrant at 1674 Lowell Bethesda Road, Apt C, Gastonia, North Carolina, and

Any and all currency and monetary instruments that were received during, involved in, or used or intended to be used to facilitate the crimes alleged in the Bill of Indictment, including but not limited to the sum of approximately \$12,000,000.00 in proceeds and funds involved in the alleged violations.

2. The Internal Revenue Service and/or other property custodian for the investigative agency took possession of the above-described personal property on November 21, 2008 and will maintain custody of the property;

3. The United States shall, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any persons known to have alleged an interest in the forfeited property, and shall publish notice of this forfeiture as required by law;

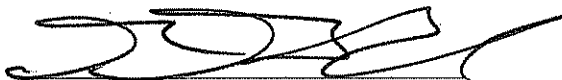
4. Any person, other than the Defendant, asserting any legal interest in the property may, within thirty days of the publication of notice or the receipt of notice, whichever is earlier, petition the Court for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the alleged interest; and

5. Following the Court's disposition of all timely petitions filed, a Final Order of Forfeiture shall be entered as to the specifically identified assets above. If no third party files a

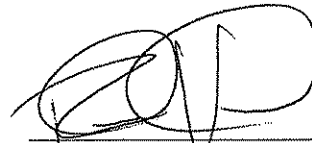
timely petition, this Order shall become the Final Order and Judgment of Forfeiture, as provided by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2), and the United States shall have clear title to the property and shall dispose of the property according to law.

The parties stipulate and agree that the aforementioned assets constitute property derived from or traceable to proceeds of Defendant's crime(s) herein or property used in any manner to facilitate the commission of such offense(s) and are therefore subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982, 18 U.S.C. § 1028(b)(5), 21 U.S.C. § 853 and/or 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c). The Defendant hereby waives the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment against Defendant. If the Defendant has previously submitted a claim in response to an administrative forfeiture proceeding regarding any of this property, Defendant hereby withdraws that claim. If Defendant has not previously submitted such a claim, Defendant hereby waives all right to do so.

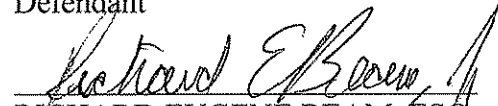
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RICHARD VARELA
Defendant


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Attorney for Defendant

Signed this the 31st day of March, 2009.


UNITED STATES JUDGE